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Secretary of State
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**RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has always promoted effective and efficient management of state government operations; and

WHEREAS, improved efficiency and economy will result from the establishment of an organizational entity that coordinates initiatives related to electronic health information technology on behalf of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services houses a number of health and health-related programs; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky E-Health Network Board is attached to, and staffed by, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the E-Health Board is a statutory advisory board charged with providing leadership in the redesign of the health care delivery system using information technology to ensure that all Kentuckians receive care that is safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, new federal emphasis is being placed on electronic health technology as a means of improving patient care, reducing medical errors and making more efficient use of health care dollars by reducing redundant and duplicative services; and, the Recovery Act will provide substantial financial resources to states for planning, deployment and use of health information exchange:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and KRS 12.028, do hereby Order and Direct the following organizational changes within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services:



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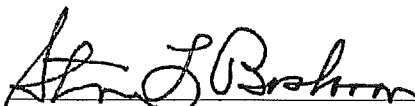
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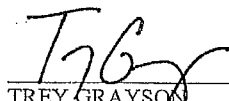
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- I. Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information
 - A. The Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information is hereby created and established. The Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information shall be headed by an executive director appointed by the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services pursuant to KRS 12.050. The Office shall be composed of such organizational entities as deemed appropriate by the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and set forth by Administrative Order.
- II. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Office of State Budget Director, and the Personnel Cabinet shall take all necessary action to effectuate this Order.

This Order is effective August 16, 2009.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR, GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Kentucky


TREY GRAYSON
Secretary of State